

CUBA.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC—BURNING OF TOWNS BY INSURGENTS.

HAVANA, June 15, 1869.

The cholera has become epidemic in Nuevitas and the surrounding country. It is unusually malignant in its attacks, and in the majority of cases the result is fatal. The insurgents have burned the towns of Niquas and Camaronca. The Havana markets are dull. Merchants are indisposed to do business in the present unsettled state of affairs.

ELECTIONS IN PORTO RICO.

In Porto Rico the elections for members of the Spanish Cortes have been completed and verified. The deputies will depart for Madrid immediately. The Island of Porto Rico remains tranquil.

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE OF PUERTO PADRE—RETREAT OF THE SPANIARDS—MORE FILIBUSTERS.

WASHINGTON, June 15, 1869.

Intelligence has been received here from Cuban sources of the fight which took place between the revolutionary forces and the Spanish troops near Puerta del Padre. The Cuban troops, numbering 2,400, were attacked in their intrenchments by the Spaniards with a force of nearly double that number, who were twice repulsed. The loss of the Cubans was less than a hundred in killed and wounded, while that of the attacking party was three times as great. The Spaniards retreated, leaving a number of their killed and wounded on the field. The result of the battle has had an encouraging effect upon the Cuban army, which is reported to be gaining strength every day from the very best portion of the people of the Island. The want of harmony between the officers in command of the Government troops in the field and the volunteers who have taken possession of the government of the Island is exhibiting itself in the demoralization of the Spanish troops and the large number of desertions to the Cuban army. This condition of things has given a new impetus and strength to the Cuban cause, the leaders having no doubt of ultimate success.

A number of recruits, mostly from Virginia, left here yesterday and to-day, to join a force which is rendezvousing on the southern coast, preparing to join the Cuban army.

RUMOR OF AN EXPEDITION FROM TENNESSEE.

The *Memphis Avalanche* says it is reported that a gentleman, formerly high in the service of the late Emperor Maximilian, is in the city organizing an expedition for Cuba, to consist of about one thousand men. The expedition is to go via Mobile, where it is said a vessel now awaits, and where the necessary arms and outfit will be supplied.